

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system in accordance with
4 information accompanying the call that identifies the telecommunications device, wherein two or
5 more of the plurality of telecommunications devices each further comprises both a speaker and a
6 microphone for enabling a user to audibly communicate with the call; and
7 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call to a
8 voice mailbox if a user of the telecommunications device does not answer the call, wherein the
9 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one
10 microprocessor.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the voice processing
2 circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry coupled to the one microprocessor.
- 1 3. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the switching circuitry further comprises a
8 digital cross-point matrix coupled to the single processing means and to the signal processing
9 circuitry.

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1 6. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system as extensions;
3 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
4 to one of the telecommunications devices; and
5 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
6 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
7 means, wherein the single processing means is controlled by a single set of software operable for
8 controlling both the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry.

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1 12. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system, wherein two or more of the plurality of
4 telecommunications devices each further comprises both a speaker and a microphone for
5 enabling a user to audibly communicate with the call; and
6 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call to a
7 voice mailbox if the telecommunications device does not go off-hook to answer the call, wherein
8 the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing

9 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry
10 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the signal processing circuitry further includes:

11 a DTMF receiver operable for recognizing DTMF tones from the call and instructing the
12 switching circuitry to connect the call to the telecommunications device identified by the DTMF
13 tones.

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1 18. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:

2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system in accordance with
4 information accompanying the call that identifies the telecommunications device, wherein two or
5 more of the plurality of telecommunications devices each further comprises both a speaker and a
6 microphone for enabling a user to audibly communicate with the call;

7 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
8 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one
9 microprocessor; wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing
10 circuitry coupled to the one microprocessor; and

11 circuitry operable for recording all or a portion of the call during an off-hook state after
12 the telecommunications device is connected to the call.

1 19. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein the recording circuitry
2 operates in response to a user manually pressing a button on a telephone set.

1 20. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system in accordance with
4 information accompanying the call that identifies the telecommunications device;

5 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
6 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one
7 microprocessor; and

8 circuitry operable for recording all or a portion of the call during an off-hook state after
9 the telecommunications device is connected to the call, wherein the recording circuitry operates
10 in response to a user manually pressing a button on a telephone set, and wherein the recording
11 circuitry further comprises:

12 circuitry for coupling a recording buffer in signal processing circuitry to the call, wherein
13 the signal processing circuitry is coupled to the one microprocessor.

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1 24. (original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
2 circuitry for listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;
3 circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and
4 circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory.

1 25. (original) The system as recited in claim 24, wherein the activating circuitry is tactilely
2 initiated by a user of the telephone extension.

1 26. (original) The system as recited in claim 25, wherein the voice signal originated from the
2 call.

1 27. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system, wherein two or more of the plurality of
4 telecommunications devices each further comprises both a speaker and a microphone for
5 enabling a user to audibly communicate with the call;
6 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
7 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
8 means;
9 circuitry for listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;
10 circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and
11 circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory, wherein the activating
12 circuitry is tactically initiated by a user of the telephone extension, wherein the voice signal
13 originated from a voice mail message stored in the system.

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1 58. (previously presented) In a telephone call and voice processing system comprising
2 switching circuitry for receiving an incoming call from a source external to the system, wherein
3 the switching circuitry connects the incoming call to a telecommunications device coupled to the
4 system from among a plurality of telecommunications devices connected as telephone extensions
5 of the switching circuitry, and voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the
6 call, wherein the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single
7 processing means, a method comprising the steps of:

8 listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;

9 activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and

10 storing the recorded voice signal in a memory.

1 59. (original) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein the activating step is tactilely
2 initiated by a user of the telephone extension.

1 60. (original) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein the voice signal originated from
2 the call to the system.

1 61. (original) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein the voice signal originated from a
2 voice mail message stored in the system.

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1 69. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving an incoming call from a source external to the system,
3 wherein the switching circuitry connects the incoming call to one of a plurality of
4 telecommunications devices coupled to the system as extensions to the system; and
5 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call to a
6 voice mailbox if the extension does not go off-hook to answer the call, wherein the switching
7 circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single microprocessor.

1 70. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:

1 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
2 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system; and
3 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call to a
4 voice mailbox if the extension does not go off-hook to answer the call, wherein the switching
5 circuitry further comprises a digital cross-point matrix.

1 71. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system;
4 the plurality of telecommunications devices connected to the system as telephone
5 extensions accessible by the system solely through the switching circuitry;
6 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
7 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
8 means;
9 circuitry for listening to a voice signal at one of the telephone extensions coupled to the
10 system;
11 circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and
12 circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory.

1 72. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system;
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call to a
5 voice mailbox if the device does not go off-hook to answer the call, wherein the switching
6 circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing means; and
7 circuitry for permitting a user of a telephone coupled to the system to monitor a voice
8 mail message while the message is being recorded into the user's mailbox.

1 73. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the information is
2 detected DTMF tones.

1 74. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the call is received by
2 the switching circuitry from a central office trunk line.

1 75. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the call is received from
2 a source external to the system, and is connected to one of the telecommunications devices in
3 accordance with detected DTMF tones accompanying the call, wherein the DTMF tones identify
4 the telecommunications device to which the call is directed.

1 76. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the signal processing circuitry further includes:
8 a DTMF receiver operable for recognizing DTMF tones from the call and instructing the
9 switching circuitry to connect the call to the telecommunications device identified by the DTMF
10 tones, wherein the telecommunications device is one of a plurality of telephone extensions
11 connected to the switching circuitry.

1 77. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system;
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing
6 means;

7 circuitry for listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;
8 circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and
9 circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory, wherein the activating
10 circuitry is tactically initiated by a user of the telephone extension, wherein the voice signal
11 originated from a voice mail message stored in the system, wherein the call is an incoming call
12 received by the switching circuitry via a central office trunk line, and wherein the switching
13 circuitry connects the incoming call to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled
14 to the system as telephone extensions to the system.

1 78. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein the external source is
2 a central office trunk line.

1 79. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein the switching
2 circuitry connects the incoming call to one of the plurality of telecommunications devices in
3 response to information accompanying the incoming call that identifies the telecommunications
4 device to which the incoming call is connected to.

1 80. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 69, wherein the external source is a
2 central office trunk line.

1 81. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 69, wherein the switching circuitry
2 connects the incoming call to one of the plurality of extensions in response to information
3 accompanying the incoming call that identifies the one of the plurality of extensions.

1 82. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 81, wherein the information is
2 detected DTMF tones.

1 83. (currently amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 a single microprocessor;
3 switching circuitry controlled by the single microprocessor;

1 a trunk line connected to the switching circuitry and adaptable for connecting to central
2 office trunk circuitry;
3 a plurality of telephone extensions;
4 extension lines coupling the plurality of telephone extensions to the switching circuitry,
5 wherein a call received by the switching circuitry over the trunk line is connected to one of the
6 plurality of telephone extensions by the switching circuitry in response to information
7 accompanying the call which identifies the one of the plurality of telephone extensions the call
8 desires to be connected to; and
9 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call [[such as for]]
10 including coupling the call to a voice mail box associated with the one of the telephone
11 extensions.

1 84. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system in accordance with
4 information accompanying the call that identifies the telecommunications device, wherein two or
5 more of the plurality of telecommunications devices each further comprises both a speaker and a
6 microphone for enabling a user to audibly communicate with the call; and
7 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the
8 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one
9 microprocessor, wherein each of the two or more of the plurality of telecommunications devices
10 are separately operable telephone extensions.

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1 91. (previously presented) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:
2 switching circuitry for receiving an incoming call from a source external to the
3 telephone call and voice processing system, wherein the switching circuitry connects the
4 incoming call to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the telephone
5 call and voice processing system as extensions to the telephone call and voice processing
6 system; and
7 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call to direct the call
8 to a voice mailbox if a user of the telecommunications device does not answer the call,
9 wherein the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single
10 microprocessor.

1 92. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the voice processing
2 circuitry automatically interacts with the call to direct the call to a voice mailbox if a user of
3 the telecommunications device does not answer the call.